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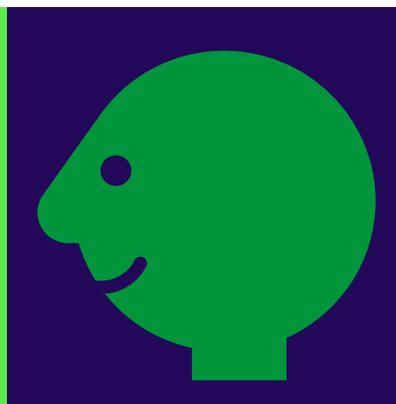
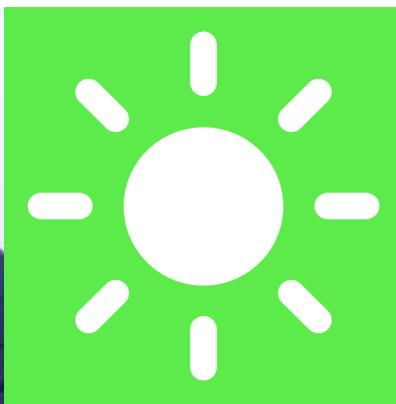
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# Green careers guide

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**I studied Finance and Management at Exeter University in 2013.**

**After graduation I joined German consultancy firm implementing various technical assistance projects in the Development Finance field in the Central Asia region.**

Since 2016 I moved into the Climate Finance area because I realized that green agenda is getting mainstreamed in all private and public sectors. Climate change is also very much relevant for our countries, people's livelihoods and environment due to strong vulnerability of Central Asia region to the climate change patterns. Having strong finance background helped me to quickly get into the Climate Finance sphere. My first project was Climate Adaptation Finance project in Tajikistan, where I lead the team of local and international experts. Project aimed to improve people's resilience to climate change through access to finance and green technologies. Then I have participated in a number of green investment scoping studies in Central Asia region and delivered workshops for financial institutions on green finance strategy development. Currently I am a project manager for Green Economy Finance Facility in Tajikistan. In this project we support awareness raising of green investments, provide concessional loans and technical advisory services to boost private sector investments into the green technologies. We focus on technologies that reduce pressure on valuable resources, such as water and land, as well energy efficiency and renewables.

I believe Green agenda has enormous opportunities for career and personal development. There are many different angles of Green topic – engineering, scientific, finance and social. Depending on what drives you, eg in my case its finance, define your specialization, identify reputable university in UK for your studies, there are many options but look for best ones in your area of interest. This will help you to gain an in-depth expertise in this field at the start of your career, I would suggest to volunteer or get into internship as a starting point in case you lack practical experience.

